

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 458

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Colonel Stephen J. Warrilow, United States Army Reserve, for his dutiful and valiant military service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to honor those many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of individuals continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Stephen J. Warrilow, recently retired, is one such esteemed soldier, who has served with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for his distinguished performance of duty to this nation; and

WHEREAS, Stephen J. Warrilow enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1966 during the Vietnam War and served in supply and communications supply with units in Arizona, Colorado, Bermuda, and Florida through 1970; after his honorable discharge from the Reserves in 1972, he enrolled in undergraduate studies at The University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1976, he enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard, and in the following year, he was commissioned as an Armor Second Lieutenant; Colonel Warrilow served as a Red Eye Section Leader; a Mortar, Truck, and Tank Platoon Leader; a Transportation Officer with various Guard units across Tennessee; 3/378th ACR Headquarters Troop Executive Officer; and an OCS TAC Officer; and

WHEREAS, between 1986 and 1991, he commanded both the 1175th Quartermaster Company of Pulaski, Tennessee, and the 1174th Transportation Company (MTP) of Dresden,

Tennessee, and was deployed and assigned to 1st Infantry Division "Big Red One" during the Persian Gulf War in 1990 and 1991; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Warrilow served as an Observer/Controller with the United States Army Reserve readiness evaluation units in Jackson and Camp Shelby, Mississippi, from 1991 to 1998; in 1996, he was selected for Executive Officer of the 3/346th Regiment, 87th Division (Training Support), in which position he strengthened the chain of command, facilitated smooth work flow between staff sections, and created a highly professional working atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, as special projects officer for the Mississippi 155th Separate Armor Brigade (SAB) Lanes Training Exercise, Colonel Warrilow's abilities to plan ahead and to stay on top of every assigned mission were significant factors in the success of several major training exercises; his conceptual understanding of battle focused training, coupled with the war-fighting skills obtained through his experience in Operation Desert Shield/Storm enabled Colonel Warrilow to be an outstanding coach, teacher, and mentor for his subordinates during many key exercises; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Warrilow next served as Senior Staff Observer/Controller (O/C) with the 2nd Simulation Exercise Group, 87th Division (Training Support), Birmingham, Alabama, from December 1998 through August 1999; his duties required conducting capability studies, manning budget preparation, training, and the execution and evaluation of assigned Battle Command Staff Training (BCST) exercises; Colonel Warrilow performed his duties in a flawless manner, all the while looking for ways to improve the process; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Warrilow returned to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to serve as the Battalion Commander of the 3/346th Regiment, 87th Division (Training Support) from August 1999 through August 2002. The battalion was composed of 36 Active (AC) and Reserve Component (RC) officers and 94 noncommissioned officers organized in 10 Observer, Controller, and Trainer (OCT) teams. Colonel Warrilow was responsible for providing quality training support and evaluation for over 70 RC units; and

WHEREAS, directly responsible for providing proficient training assistants to augment the Brigade's Mobilization Assistance Teams, Colonel Warrilow ensured rigorous adherence to Army standards, and the conduct and evaluation of individual and annual drill periods exceeded

every expectation; his caring attitude and commitment to excellence improved not only the command climate, but also the proficiency of the officers and NCOs. Through hard work and commitment to excellence, Colonel Warrilow personally ensured that deploying soldiers understood their responsibilities, were exercised in a demanding training environment, and received evaluations and take home packages that emphasized training strengths and weaknesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Colonel Warrilow's battalion and his observer controller/trainers (OCTs) truly made a difference in the combat readiness of the units they trained; his battalion set the pace and the standard for training support in the Brigade. In just over twelve months they completed over 200 unit assistance visits, thirty-one training assessment model (TAM) evaluations, thirteen lane training exercises, and three mobilization assistance team missions, which mobilized and deployed nine different units in support of SFOR, KFOR, and Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, from February 2003 through November 2004, Colonel Warrilow deployed with the 3rd Transportation Movement Control Agency (TAMC) in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom; as Battle Captain, Colonel Warrilow performed a myriad of functions, providing oversight of all operations within the 3D TAMC, while remaining focused on the mission of Reception, Staging, and Onward Movement. Through his assistance, these sections were able to accomplish their missions in tracking over 250,000 deploying troops and over 144,000 short tons into the theater; and

WHEREAS, perhaps his greatest military accomplishment was his performance as Highway Regulation Division (HRD) Chief. During the height of the war in Iraq, it was critically important to accurately track convoys both for the safety of the soldiers and to ensure that supplies reached their intended destinations. The HRD tracked and closed out over 21,000 convoys traveling throughout Kuwait and Iraq during this critical period. Colonel Warrilow made certain the HRD remained focused on tracking the critical sustainment convoys that supplied combat troops and ensured successful operations in Iraq by synchronizing the reporting efforts of the two Movement Control Battalions that provided the level of information detail for each convoy required by V Corps supply activities; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Warrilow later assisted in the development, coordination, publishing, and distribution of plans, orders, and concepts of operations (CONOPS) with the Multi-National Coalition - Iraq (MNC-I) C4 Transportation Division, XIII Corps Support Command, CFLCC staff sections, and 377th Theater Support Command to maximize efficient employment of available intra-theater common user land transport (CULT) assets; and

WHEREAS, as an experienced movement controller who truly understood the challenges of the Kuwait to Balad, Iraq, 450-mile ground line-of-communication, Colonel Warrilow prepared soldiers and leaders to coordinate and track convoy and commodity shipments to the Corps Distribution Center; and

WHEREAS, in his last assignment as 3d Transportation Command Element (TCE), Deputy Commander at the EAC Transportation headquarters in Anniston, Alabama, Colonel Warrilow was responsible for mode operations and movement control from April 2005 to June 2006; and

WHEREAS, in a military career spanning forty years, Colonel Warrilow's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with two bronze service stars, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait); and

WHEREAS, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service, culminating in a thirty-five-year career as Deputy Commander, 3d Transportation Command Element, Colonel Warrilow, upon his retirement, was awarded the Legion Of Merit on May 16, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Warrilow's leadership, dedication, achievement, and service to our Nation have distinguished him as an altruistic soldier of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Warrilow has performed his duties with the utmost skill and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Colonel Stephen J. Warrilow, United States Army Reserve, for his dutiful and valiant military service to his State and his Nation and offer our thanks for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.